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**Catharine R. Carruthers**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Wake Forest 1980 JD  
Began Service: July 24, 1995  
Term Expires: July 24, 2009

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Rufus W. Reynolds, United States Bankruptcy Court (1980-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Billings, Burns & Wells (1982-1985); Allman Spry (1985-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Forsyth County Bar; The North Carolina State Bar

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**Thomas W. Waldrep, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: June 6, 1957  
Education: Purdue 1979 BA; Indiana 1983 JD  
Began Service: July 19, 2004  
Term Expires: July 2018

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**Number of Judgeships: 3**

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey

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**Robert J. Conrad, Jr.**  
Chief Judge

Education: Clemson 1980 BA; Virginia 1983 JD  
Began Service: June 3, 2005  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, North Carolina - Western District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1981-1983); Associate, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1983-1986); Partner, Horn & Conrad (1986-1987); Attorney, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., PA (1987-1988); Partner, Bush Thurman & Conrad (1988)

**Staff**

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**Richard Lesley Voorhees**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Davidson 1963 BA; North Carolina 1968 JD  
Began Service: October 28, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor (part-time), Gaston College (1980)

**Government:** Member, Gaston County Board of Elections (1970-1972)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1991-1998); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (2006)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray (1968-1974); Partner, Garland & Alala (1974-1980); Richard L. Voorhees Law Firm (1980-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1963-1965); United States Army Reserve (1965-1969)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; North Carolina Bar Association; The North Carolina State Bar

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**Chambers of District Judge Lacy H. Thornburg**

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**Lacy H. Thornburg**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: North Carolina 1951 BA, 1954 JD  
Began Service: March 21, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** State Representative (NC), North Carolina House of Representatives (1961-1966); Attorney General, State of North Carolina (1985-1992); Member, Indian Gaming Commission, United States Department of the Interior (1994-1995)

**Judicial:** Judge, North Carolina Superior Court (1967-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1954-1967)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1947-1948)

**Current Memberships:** North Carolina Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge Frank D. Whitney**

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**Frank D. Whitney**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 1959  
Education: Wake Forest 1982 BA; North Carolina 1987 MBA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: July 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Carl Horn, III**

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**Carl Horn III**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Virginia 1973 BA;  
South Carolina 1976 JD  
Began Service: April 3, 1993  
Term Expires: April 2009  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Legal Counsel and Adjunct Professor, Wheaton College (1979-1982)

**Government:** Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, United States Department of Justice (1987-1993)

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Carl Horn, III** *continued*

**Legal Practice:** Grier, Parker, Poe, Thompson, Bernstein, Gage & Preston (1976-1979); Horn & Warren (and successor firm) (1984-1987)

**Staff**

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**David C. Keesler**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1962  
Education: North Carolina 1984 BA; Virginia 1987 JD  
Began Service: May 3, 2004  
Term Expires: May 2012

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association

**Staff**

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Began Service: September 2006  
Term Expires: September 2007  
Education: Vermont Law 2004 JD  
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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell**

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**Dennis Howell**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 5, 2004

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Graham C. Mullen**

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**Graham C. Mullen**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Duke 1962 BA, 1969 JD  
Began Service: October 25, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mullen, Holland, Cooper, Morrow, Wilder & Sumner (1969-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1962-1966)

**Current Memberships:** Mecklenburg County Bar Association; The North Carolina State Bar

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